REMARKS

Applicants elect to prosecute specie A (claims 1-11) on the merits with traverse. Additionally, the examination should also include claims 48-54 of specie F since the subject matter of the claims is similar to specie A and the inclusion of the claims would not be burdensome for the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the examination of claims 1-11 and 48-54.

No fees are believed due in connection with this Reply. If any fees are due, please charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, due in connection with this Reply to Deposit Account Number 19-2167.

Allowance of all pending claims is believed to be warranted and is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned to discuss the merits of this patent application.

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